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PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby petition for a five-month extension of time, from February 2, 2003 up to and including July 2, 2003, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for filing a response to the Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2002 in the above-identified application.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$985.00 based on small entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448. For this purpose, a duplicate of this document is enclosed.

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